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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, APRIL 25TH, 1910.

THE situation at Changsha is still very serious. The reports received last week that the riots in the provincial capital of Hunan directed against foreigners had been quelled may have been quite correct, but apparently the pacification was far from complete, as latest telegrams announce the resumption of rioting, with the portentous addendum that organised bands are operating. In view of these facts there seems good reason for the grave fears entertained at Peking, and news from the scene of the disturbance will be anxiously awaited.

Hunan, one of the most anti-foreign provinces in China, is also one of the most turbulent, and this knowledge will perhaps help to dissociate the outbreak from any general movement throughout the Empire either against the reigning dynasty or against foreigners. There can be little doubt that a wave of patriotic feeling is passing over the country, and that a desire to be less dependent on, or under the influence of, the foreigner is generally evinced, but to assign this as the cause of the present events is scarcely justifiable. The opinion may be questioned, but we are not alone in the view expressed. Purely local causes seem to have operated in this instance, and as the recent riots at Canton show from what small and trifling beginnings a serious outbreak may be developed, it is probable that the disturbance has assumed greater proportions than was anticipated by the agitators who excited the populace against

the officials. Fearing a famine, which is regarded as imminent this year, the peasantry joined the townspeople in calling upon the officials to prohibit the export of rice from the province; but the latter, who are shrewdly suspected of being dealers in the staple food, declined to comply with the demand. The inevitable followed. A people threatened with starvation need little incitement to attack the authors of their misfortune, and it can easily be inferred that the agitators had little difficulty in rousing the community to action. Mob feeling, once aroused, is not readily controlled, and the rioters, having destroyed the governor's yamen and put the officials to flight, would seek to gratify their thirst for vengeance still further. The missions and buildings of foreigners were of that importance to give the mob the opportunity of causing the great destruction they wished in order to render their protest the more emphatic, and it is not to be wondered at that in their fury they turned to foreign buildings in their midst and consigned them to the general conflagration.

The most significant feature, however, is the helplessness of the troops in the vicinity. Their number was probably small, but it might have been expected that a trained body of men, presumably well armed, would have made more headway against a practically unarmed and undisciplined horde. Even the presence of the two British gunboats on the river and the reported approach of Chinese reinforcements have apparently had little effect in subduing the mob or quelling the rising, and the situation has assumed a more alarming aspect now that bands have been organised and are operating in the province. Apart from the destruction to property and the danger to life thus occasioned, the occurrence will prove very serious for the Chinese Government, which will probably have to satisfy the Powers that she is capable of taking adequate precautions to protect the subjects of other nations. It will probably result, too, in something being done to break down that provincial exclusiveness which renders it difficult for foreign firms to open branches in Changsha and to disband the powerful and wealthy clique of gentry which conspire to keep them out of the city. Exclusiveness in China invariably means hatred of the foreigner, a hatred begotten largely of ignorance, and when that is dispelled, as the result of close intimacy and fraternal relations, there will be an end to those anti-foreign riots which have brought so much trouble upon the Peking authorities, and the patriotic feeling, so often misdirected, could then be turned to good purpose in the interests of China.

His Lordship Bishop Lander will act as Chaplain to the Forces during the absence on leave of the Rev. D. Ennis.

Their Highnesses the Gaekwar and the Maharani of Baroda, and Princess Indira Rajah left for Japan on Saturday.

Sir Paul Chater left for Shanghai on Saturday. After staying at that port for the race meeting he proceeds to Europe via Siberia.

A revised scale of fees and percentages in connection with the second schedule of the Bankruptcy Ordinance, 1891, is published in the current Gazette.

The telegram quoted below was received by the American Consulate General from the Manila Observatory at 11 a.m. yesterday:—"Manila 9.5 a.m. Cyclone or Typhoon W. of Mindoro, moving W.N.W. or N.W."

Before Mr. E. R. Hallifax at the Magistrate's on Saturday a Chinese youth was charged with smuggling opium ashore from the river steamer *Shun Lee*. His Worship imposed a fine of \$31.50, and refrained from ordering the offender to be flogged in consideration of his ill-health.

The Bandmann Opera Company before proceeding to Shanghai, open a short season in Hongkong to-night with "The Acedians," a play which is both beautiful and amusing. The Company have created a great impression in Manila and have had record houses nightly.

His Majesty the King has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to Ordinance No. 46 of 1909, entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Liquor Licences Ordinance, 1898, and the Liquor Licences Extension Ordinance, 1908, and to repeal the Liquor Licences Amendment Ordinance, 1902."

A number of Korean politicians who have hitherto been conspicuous by their opposition to the *Chung-ho* and the latter's amalgamation scheme, have united to form a party calling themselves by the same name as that borne by the principal political party in Japan, that is to say, *Seiyukai*. They have issued a manifesto which deals in the usual euphemistic announcements as to the dignity of the throne, the situation of the people, the promotion of material progress, and so forth, the last item on the list being the furtherance of friendship with Japan. There is some suspicion, says the *Japan Daily Mail*, that the new party, despite its pretty utterances, is a foe to Japan at heart.

TELEGRAMS.

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GERMANY'S AERIAL NAVY.

LONDON, April 22nd.

A squadron of three dirigible balloons sailed to-day from Cologne to Hamburg, where the squadron engaged in combined manoeuvres before the Emperor.

ANTICIPATED COTTON FAMINE.

LONDON, April 22nd.

Mr. Patten, interviewed at New York, said he had bought cotton in view of the short crop, and expressed the belief that the mills of Europe and America would be brought to a standstill in August or September unless they paid his price.

THE CHANGSHA RIOTS.

DISTURBANCE RESUMED.

LONDON, April 23rd.

It is reported from Washington that the American Minister at Peking telegraphs that fears are entertained that the trouble in Hunan is spreading. He has dispatched orders to the American Pacific Squadron at Amoy to assist if necessary.

LONDON, April 23rd.

The British Minister at Peking telegraphs to the Foreign Office that organised bands have resumed rioting at Changsha. All foreigners have taken refuge on the two British gunboats.

THE CONQUEST OF THE AIR.

LONDON, April 23rd.

The British aviator, Mr. Grahame White, has started on the long-distance flight from London to Manchester. He has reached Lichfield, and it is confidently expected he will achieve the journey.

[Lichfield is, roughly, about sixty miles from Manchester.—Ed.]

JAPANESE BOND CONVERSION.

LONDON, April 23rd.

Negotiations are in an advanced stage in Paris for a loan to convert the principal Japanese five per cent. issues into a four per cent. external loan of twenty-seven million pounds sterling. Eighteen millions will be offered in Paris and the remainder in London.

THE ANGLO-JAPANESE EXHIBITION.

LONDON, April 23rd.

The Prince and Princess of Wales are to open the Anglo-Japanese Exhibition on the 12th May.

DETECTIVES IN THE CHOEUS.

TAKING CARE OF CARUSO.

Scattered throughout the immense audience gathered to hear Caruso at the Brooklyn Academy of Music the other night were 50 detectives. Half-a-dozen sang in "Venezia" costume in the chorus, by his side, the opera being "La Gioconda." Two detectives were perched in the flies above the stage, while more than a score associated with the "gods" in the gallery and heard the incomparable tenor from those Olympian heights.

This unusual police interest in grand opera was caused by Caruso having received threatening letters, written in Italian, and demanding \$5,000 or his life. The authorities were convinced, and in view of the so-called "Black Hand" outrages for which New York has been notorious in recent years, they decided that upon the first public appearance of Caruso given police protection equal to that of greater than that accorded President Taft himself in his Presidential tours. Accordingly Caruso was not allowed to travel the few miles from the Knickerbocker Hotel to Brooklyn in the customary motor car. He was surreptitiously taken by underground railway to the subway station, from the hotel taking him to the train. He met with officers standing over him all the way, and upon his arrival at the station exit, within 100 yards of the Academy of Music, mounted police reinforced the detectives till the singer was safely inside the building.

LOCAL SPORT.

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB SPORTS.

The thirteenth annual athletic meeting of the V.R.C. was held on the ground of the Hongkong Football Club at Happy Valley on Saturday afternoon. The weather was threatening, but fortunately the rain held off, and as the afternoon wore on a very large attendance assembled, the number of ladies being unusually large. The meeting was run under the rules of the Amateur Athletic Association, and the events were open to all gentlemen amateurs who were members or visitors of local clubs, as well as to officers and men of the Navy and Army. The band of the 13th Rajputs was in attendance, and, under the conductorship of Bandmaster Coke, discoursed a selection of pleasing items during the afternoon.

Most of the events on the programme brought forth a large number of competitors, and in many instances the races were keenly contested, and the finishes close and exciting. Corporal Andrews of The Buffs did the 100 yards flat race in record time, defeating F. G. Carroll of Canton, who has won the Challenge Cup two years in succession. Had the latter sprinter won yesterday, the cup would have become his property. In the 120 yards hurdle race the Rev. Mansfield won by a length, and established a record. His time was 17.2/5 seconds, the previous record time being 18 seconds, which was made by L. J. Wishart in 1907. The three mile bicycle race saw a close finish, Forbes just managing to snatch first place from G. Lee by a wheel.

The patrons of the Club are: His Excellency Sir F. Lugard, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.; Major General Broadwood, C.B.; Rear Admiral Lyon, R.N.; Hon. Sir Henry May, C.M.G.; while the committee who brought the meeting to a successful termination was composed of:—

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Referee:—Mr. G. A. Caldwell.

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Rev. Mansfield (B.N.), 19ft. 1 inch ... 2

120 YARDS FLAT RACE (HANDICAP)—First Heat:—H. W. Peterson, 1; L. G. Cordiero, 2.

Time—11 4/5 seconds.

Second Heat:—C. J. Higginbotham, 1; J. J. Crowley, 2.

Time—11 4/5 seconds.

Final:—C. J. Higginbotham, 9 yards ... 1

H. W. Peterson, 11 yards ... 2

Time—11 3/5 seconds.

In this event Crowley dropped out at the start, and Higginbotham, who got well away with the pistol, had soon drawn level with Cordiero and Peterson. The latter hung on to him until a few lengths from the tape, and then Higginbotham put on a final sprint and won the race by a yard.

HIGH JUMP (THREE TRIES)—A. O. Leith, 5ft. 2 1/2 inches ... 1

J. J. Crowley, 5ft. 1 inch ... 2

100 YARDS FLAT RACE (CHALLENGE CUP)—Presented by Dr. F. H. Kew. To be won three years before becoming the property of a Competitor.

A. W. Andrews, The Buffs ... 1

F. G. Carroll, Canton ... 2

It was unfortunate for Carroll that he should have lost this race and with it the cup which he had so nearly won. Andrews covered the distance in 10 1/5 seconds, the same time as made by Carroll in the two preceding years. The Canton representative was not up to time this year; for Andrews beat him by three yards. Therefore Carroll must have been out of form, or the reputation of the winner made him nervous.

BOYS' RACE, 100 YARDS (HANDICAP)—Post Entries. Open to all Boys between the ages of 6 and 10. Handicap at the post, age to be stated on entry.

Alves ... 1

Castro ... 2

TEAM RACE (220 YARDS)—Teams of four. Boys' Own Club ... 1

Time—1 min. 42 1/2 seconds.

GIRLS' RACE (80 YARDS, HANDICAP)—Post Entries. Open to Girls between the ages of 6 and 10.

Miss Danenberg ... 1

Miss E. Stanfield ... 2

he lowered the record of 18 seconds made by Wishart in 1907 by three-fifths of a second.

220 YARDS FLAT RACE (HANDICAP)—H. W. Peterson, 7 yards ... 1

M. Y. Abbas, 10 yards ... 2

Time—23 4/5 seconds.

GIRLS' RACE (100 YARDS, HANDICAP)—Post Entries. Open to Girls between the ages of 10 and 15.

Miss Hazeland ... 1

Miss P. Almada ... 2

440 YARDS FLAT RACE (CHALLENGE CUP)—Presented by Sir Hormusjee Mody. To be won three years before becoming the property of a Competitor.

A. W. Andrews, The Buffs ... 1

W. H. Keop, The Buffs ... 2

Time—66 seconds.

There were only the two starters in this event, which proved a comfortable thing for Andrews. He allowed Keop to pace him more than three parts of the distance, and then went ahead and won with plenty to spare.

BI-CYCLE RACE—Three miles handicap. Start in saddle.

J. Forbes, scratch ... 1

G. Lee, 250 yards ... 2

Time—9 min. 16 secs.

As in the last wheel race, this ended with Forbes and Lee in the forefront battling for premier position. As lap succeeded lap one man after another fell out. When the bell sounded for the last lap Forbes went ahead, and was followed by McCrae and Lee. When nearing the winning post Forbes had a good lead, but Lee put on a final sprint and shooting past McCrae, rapidly overhauled the leader, Forbes just snatching first place by a wheel.

TWO OF WAR—Open to Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of Navy, Army and Police. Each Ship, Regiment or Corps may enter one team only, 8 Men a Side. To be pulled over 15 feet. Best of three pulls. No spikes or nails allowed. No sitting down. No holes to be dug in the ground before pulling.

The only teams entered for this event were the 83rd Co., R.G.A. and H. Company, The Buffs. It proved an easy win for the Gunners, who, in the first pull got their opponents over the distance in 1 min. 16 seconds and in the second in 24 2/5 seconds.

BOYS' RACE, 440 YARDS (HANDICAP)—Post entries. Open to all Boys over 10 and under 16. Handicap at the post, age to be stated on entry.

A. Osmund ... 1

B. Marques ... 2

HALF MILE FLAT RACE (HANDICAP)—W. H. Keop, The Buffs, 40 yards ... 1

Corporal Foster, 50 yards ... 2

Time—1 min. 56 2/5 seconds.

SACK RACE—50 yards.

A. Marsh, The Buffs ... 1

J. M. Britto ... 2

ONE MILE FLAT RACE (HANDICAP)—W. F. Rosam, The Buffs, scratch ... 1

A. Marsh, 25 yards ... 2

Time—4 min. 52 seconds.

This proved an easy win for Rosam, while Marsh defeated Witcheil for second place by a couple of yards.

CONSOLATION RACE (120 YARDS)—Open to all Competitors, except those in open events, who have not won a prize at this meeting.

J. F. Castro ... 1

W. Coleman ... 2

At the conclusion of the sports Mr. T. E. Pearce thanked those present for their attendance, and asked Miss Rodger to present the trophies won.

The lady obliged, and on conclusion of her task she was presented with a handsome bouquet and awarded three cheers and a "tiger."

CRICKET.

HONGKONG "A" POLICE.

This match was played on the ground of the Hongkong Cricket Club on Saturday, and ended in a comfortable win for the home team by fifteen runs and eight wickets. Scores and analyses were as follows:—

POLICE.

J. Ogg, b Sharpin ... 27

T. H. King, a Irving, b Hancock ... 4

M. N. Crowle, b Hancock ... 2

W. Pitt, b Sharpin ... 2

C. A. Woodcock, b Hancock ... 8

P. P. J. Woodhouse, b Sharpin ... 0

S. Bell, o and b Sharpin ... 0

A. C. Langley, not out ... 8

G. J. McHardy, not out ... 17

J. H. Kerr, a Irving, b McKensie ... 0

A. B. Reynolds, b McKensie ... 4

Extras ... 11

Total ... 88

Bowling Analysis.

Sharpin ... 19 4 23 5

Hancock ... 11 1 22 0

Makin ... 2 1 9 0

McKensie ... 1 0 4 2

HONGKONG "A."

J. Hall, o Woodhouse, b King ... 22

H. S. Sweeting, not out ... 38

Dr. Andrew, a King, b Bell ... 33

H. Hancock, not out ... 8

H. B. Makin, H. D. Sharpin, Dr. Atkin-son, A. McKensie, P. Jacks, L. Irving and Long did not bat.

Extras ... 3

Total ... 103

Bowling Analysis.

Kerr ... 5 0 20 0

King ... 5 0 20 4

Bell ... 3 0 21 1

CORINTHIANS' CLOSING CRUISE.

The Corinthian Yacht Club brought its season to a close yesterday by a cruise to Lai-chikok where sports were held, and a most enjoyable day was passed. A large attendance of members and friends left for the scene of the sports in the morning, either by launch, motor boat or sailing craft. The weather was all that could be desired, the sea being smooth for the motors, while there was a comfortable breeze for sailing. The officials, whose efforts had much to do with the success of the day, were as follows:—

Judges:—Messrs. Hazeland, Milroy, Rodger and McConquodale.

Clerks of Course:—Dr. Pearce, Messrs. Lammert, Summers and Forbes.

Motor Boat Handicaps—Messrs. Crake, Burn, Harton and Taylor.

Starters:—Messrs. Wood, Cooke and McIver. Timekeepers:—Messrs. Meek, Lyon and Irving.

Stewards:—Messrs. Spittles, Stobbing, Foster, Combes, Glandinning, and Robjohn.

Results were as follows:—**WARREN MEMORIAL CHALLENGE CUP**, for Fast One Design Class: Dorothy, 1; Toinette, 2.

BELLILLO CHALLENGE CUP. Hayward Hays One Design Class: Marjorie, 1.

HANDICAP CLASS RACE: Corrinne, 1; Ayesha, 2.

MOTOR BOAT RACE. From Club House to Lai-chikok, finishing between markboat and pier. Messrs. Bond and Thornhill's *Britannia*, 1; Dr. Pearce's *Jan*, 2.

MOTOR BOAT RACE, at Lai-chikok: Messrs. Bond and Thornhill's *Britannia*, 1; Mr. Taylor's *Corinthia*, 2.

LADIES RACE. Handicap and Hayward Hays One Design Class: Corrinne, sailed by Miss Coleman, 1; *Carace*, sailed by Miss Leslie, 2.

NON BOAT OWNING MEMBERS RACE, Guel class: Toinette, 1; *Ashore*, 2.

NON BOAT OWNING MEMBER RACE, Handicap and Hayward Hays Class: Ayesha, 1; Corrinne, 2.

LADIES RACE, Guel one Design Class: Toinette, 1; *Fos*, 2.

RANDOM REFLECTIONS.

Glasses are being used nightly—to see Halley's Comet.

Bathing and launch parties are being discussed now. The sultry spell during the week made one yearn for the cooling dip in the briny.

Congratulations to Rear-Admiral Lyon. The many friends he has during their stay of nearly two years will be genuinely pleased to hear of the popular Commodore's promotion, although they will regret his early departure from these shores.

I note that the only day this week on which the Post Office was approachable was on Wednesday, when there was a torrential downpour. The rain did not actually wash the stamp-buying cooties away, but it was more than they could stand and they wilted away.

One theory of this stamp-buying has been controverted by the Colonial Treasurer, who denies that the Government are accepting this accumulation of coots because they wish to withdraw the present copper currency. The object of such a course is apparent, because if they redeem this coinage they must replace it by another.

The Government are apparently powerless to control the Post Office rush, but the police have shown a way whereby the evil may be minimised. Of late weeks the exorcism has been growing until it stretched across the footpath, barring the way of the passer-by. Police efforts, apparently, could not hold it in check until the happy idea occurred to Sergeant Parr that he should run a few of the units of the queue up to the Magistracy. They got off with a caution for causing an obstruction, but let us hope that the police will persist in this action, and thus keep the pathway clear.

Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings cometh forth wisdom. A schoolboy in Scotland, having heard the story of Ananias and Sapphira, was asked, "Why is not everybody who tells a lie struck dead?" and replied, "Because there wouldn't be anybody left." Many an older man would have found difficulty in answering such a question.

The discussion at home on the subject of divorce shows a divergence of opinion as to the advisability of reporting divorce cases. It is being suggested that even the results of matrimonial cases should not be published except at the expense of the parties concerned—just as Birth, Marriage, and Death notices are advertised at present. To have a Divorce section added to that popular column would no doubt bring considerable revenue to the recognised mediums for such announcements in the event of other forms of publicity being suppressed, but it would be a poor substitute for the harvest of copper coots at present reaped by those newspaper proprietors who manifest a greater regard for the accumulation of £ s. d. than for the protection of public morality.

The proposal to establish a bureau at Swatow to prevent litigation must make outsiders smile. It is almost as rational as attempting to stop the waves with a broom.

The Chinese must be progressing. They have discovered that it is not advisable to allow soldiers to act as newspaper correspondents, and an order has been issued forbidding it. This Kitchener-like act might induce some people to believe that China had a great army.

There is an editor down in the Straits who is very outspoken on the subject of bishops. "We have no use for bishops," he says. "They never seem to us to fit in with the scheme of the Friend of the Poor. With the profession of an altruistic religion in their mouths, and the income of an ordinary, selfish, and very lucky human being in their pockets, they strut before us with their silly aprons till we want to cry something soft and sticky at them." Dear me, how dreadful!

The Post Office joke is appreciated in other Colonies. A Straits writer provides a smile with the following:—"When a Chinese coolie smiles, he does it, as well as other things, broadly. Day by day round the General Post Office at Hongkong there squats a whole army of Chinese coolies, smiling with the smile that won't come off. It is not rubber, for that comes out into the coolie horizon; but they all have a real fat thing on hand at the expense of the Government which they milk artfully from dawn to dusk. It is known in Hongkong as the 'Post Office Joke,' and the attraction to sight-seers is very much like that applied by our own daily comedy of 'The Arcadians.' Those pig-tailed speculators, armed with copper-coats nearly up to the legal limit, purchase stamps. Then they exchange these for paper dollars, thus giving them anything between 6 to 22 cents profit on every dollar. And the transaction continues ad infinitum. And the smiles widen, as these 'Copper Kings' add profit to profit. This ringing the changes between copper and silver seems to be quite the popular game of the day in coolie circles in Hongkong. It is confidently believed that it never—well, hardly ever—took place in Singapore.

Who'd he thought of an ordinary common and garden thief being the first in Hongkong to lead the way in the matter of aeronautics. Japan and Bangkok have their flying machines, and in northern ports Chinese are experimenting with balloons. Hongkong, however, remained behind the times until last week, when a native of Yamnati utilised a large umbrella as a parachute and made a graceful descent from the second floor of a house which he had been

looting. Now that the way is made plain Chinese gamblers, when attempting to escape from the police, need not do so at the risk of a broken neck.

Writing upon this serial subject recalls to mind one of the first flying machines turned out by a Melbourne inventor. The place where the machine was expected to fly was made public, and an exceptionally large concourse of people assembled to witness the ascent. The invention, which ran on wheels, was taken to a large common, across which swept a good stiff breeze. A motor car was hitched on, and when this was worked up to nearly record speed the machine was expected to glide gracefully into space. The car swept across the common at something like fifty miles an hour, others following in its wake, while thousands of persons watched expectantly for a dark spot on the horizon. But the byplane, or whatever it was, absolutely refused to leave the earth, and the inventor attributed its failure to the fact that there was not enough wind.

Fortunate Bangkok! There the cooler has no paradise such as Hongkong appears to be. The shopkeeper has not to ring every coin he accepts, and the European does not as a rule carry a quantity of spurious pieces which neither tram conductor nor richa coolie will accept. The Siamese small coin is an alloy of nickel, steel and other metals, and if counterfeit, can be detected by means of a magnet. Magnets, therefore, are in considerable demand. They are to be found in most shops, and are rather numerous in the police department.

If French newspapers do not romance, Miss Eleanor Alexander is an exceptionally lucky young lady. She is the fiancée of Mr. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., and one of the few who have played the deuce with the bank at Monte Carlo. At her request her father put on the number representing her birthday a considerable sum, and she rose from the table the possessor of 500,000 francs (£20,000). Here's a tip for the young ladies who go to Macao to woo fortune, and fail every time. These of tender years cannot, of course, expect to have the wins of those *plus ça change*, always providing that fortune favours. The amount of the winnings, therefore, to some extent, indicates the age of a winner.

RODERICK RANDOM.

THE CHINESE ENGINEERING AND MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

We are informed by Mr. Dobie, the local agent, that an interim dividend of—1s. 6d. per share, free of tax, payable on 2nd May, 1910, on account of financial year ending 28th February, 1910, has been declared by the directors of this Company.

PLAGUE SCARE AT AMOY.

We have received the following letter for publication—

Kulangsu, Amoy, 21st April, 1910.
Sir—With reference to the alleged outbreak of plague at Amoy, published in the Hongkong papers, I am directed by the Kulangsu Municipal Council to inform you that every enquiry has been made concerning this serious statement, and only one death can be traced—that of Dr. J. A. Otte, who contracted the disease from a native patient he was attending. There is no truth in the rumour that twelve Europeans have died from plague, nor is there any outbreak of this disease either in Amoy or on Kulangsu.

I am thank you to give this denial as much publicity as possible, as if such a statement were allowed to go uncontradicted, serious injury might result to the business interests of this port.—I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
C. BERKELEY MITCHELL, Secretary.

CAPTAIN AMUNDSEN'S FORTH-COMING VOYAGE.

It was reported from Christiani on March 29th that about May 15 the *Fram* will sail on another voyage to the Arctic regions to make researches in oceanography as a prelude to the new expedition in which about fifteen scientists will take part. When the latter expedition starts with its results the great exploring expedition under Capt. Roald Amundsen will sail for the Polar regions, where it is hoped that remarkable discoveries will be made from scientific standpoints.

THE ITALIAN CABINET CRISIS.

A message from Rome dated March 30th states:—
A new Ministry is announced this evening, but still unofficially. It is as follows:—
Signor Luzzatti ... Premier and Minister of the Interior.
Signor Fani ... Minister of Justice.
Signor Sacchi ... Minister of Public Works.
Signor Credaro ... Minister of Public Instruction.
Signor Telesio ... Minister of the Treasury.
Signor Fazio ... Minister of Finance.
General Spingardi ... Minister of War.
Signor Cattolico ... Minister of Marine.
The Marquis di San Giulio is generally mentioned as the most likely Minister for Foreign Affairs, and Signor Baineri and Signor Cinielli are expected to receive the portfolios of Agriculture and of Posts and Telegraphs, respectively, but these last three are uncertain. Beyond the fact that the Cabinet has a fairly strong Radical element it calls for little comment.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The Ben Line str. *Bancher* from Antwerp and London left Singapore on 22nd instant for this port.
The C. & M. str. *Rubi* left Manila on the 23rd inst. and is due here to day at 2 p.m.
The P. & O. str. *Dell* left Singapore for this port on the 23rd inst. at 10 a.m., with the outward English Mail, and is due here on the 27th instant, at 5 p.m.
The I.G.M. str. *Irma Sigismund*, which left here on the 28th ultimo, at 4 p.m., arrived at Sydney on the 23rd instant, at 10 a.m.
The I.G.M. str. *Bulow*, which left here on the 21st instant, at 6 a.m., arrived at Shanghai on the 23rd instant, at 2 p.m.

REVIEWS.

Mighty Hunters, by ARTHUR RUSSAN. London: Longmans, Green & Co.
This is a book that will appeal to boys. The atmosphere of the wild and wonderful is in its pages, and the story has for its setting the wide of Mexico. The book teems with "halfbreed" and "moving incidents by flood and field," and those who enjoy reading of adventures and deeds of derring-do will get their fill from "Mighty Hunters."

The Four Candles, by HARRY TIGHE. London: John Long, Ltd.
In this story Mr. Tighe gives an admirable description of life in a diggers' camp in westback Australia and tells of the strenuous toil and hard lot of the miners who exile themselves from civilization in the search for gold. The work contains a remarkable study in characters and the strange title is the prelude to an equally strange and interesting story.

Dr. Dale's Dilemma, by G. W. APPLETON. London: John Long, Ltd.
A sensational story of a staid doctor's first experiences in matrimony. His wife elopes with an affiant, and when marked by death returns to seek forgiveness. The doctor forgives and buries her, then a twin sister appears on the scene so nearly resembling the dead woman as to deceive even the doctor. Her appearance is the introduction to an entrancing story which will be read with absorbing interest.

Thora's Conversion, by JAMES BLYTH. London: John Long, Ltd.

In his latest production Mr. Blyth hits hard at the Suffragettes. There is no question of sparing the rod of ridicule and spoiling the female child-politician. The writer gives examples of the inlining of man-made laws in woman's favour, and trembles to think what a fallen woman would suffer if she were judged by women. The author, as usual, deals with the question of sex, and draws vivid pictures of the difference between marriages for love and marriages for money.

King Edward Intervenes, by ARABELLA KENNELLY. London: John Long, Ltd.

A sensational story which has for its setting a rural English township. In this quiet and peaceful spot a Russian grand duke seeks to shield his wife from the fury of the Nihilists. There are two doubles of the grand duchess, one a little Irish typewriter and the other a mechanical wax figure. Round this trio mystery, comedy and tragedy circulate and hold the reader's attention from cover to cover.

A Legacy of the Granite Hills, by BETHEM MITFORD. London: John Long, Ltd.

A stirring story of life in African wilds which tells what happened to a man who met a lovely woman in a rural spot. The sensational is in every page. Battles with savages, hairbreadth escapes and other moving scenes go to make up an interesting story in which the attention of the reader is held from beginning to end.

The Matheson Money, by FLORENCE WARDEN. London: John Long, Ltd.

A tragic story of a crime which a detective would have gloried in unravelling. The introduction is a terrible murder which occurs in a house, the inmates of which would be classed as "above suspicion." There is a fascination about the story which holds the reader until the crime and its motive are revealed.

The Unaccounted Cost, by MARY GAUNT. London: T. Werner Laurie.

In the opening chapters of this excellent story, there is a suggestion of Ouida's "Under Two Flags." It is only a suggestion—an officer is "broken" in screening a woman's honour. In this instance, it is a naval officer who suffers for a thoughtless flirtation with a frivolous woman. Joe Cunningham is made of the best material, however. He becomes a Deputy Commissioner on the West Coast of Africa, earns deserved honour and reward and eventually wins the love of a good woman. This good woman has also "a past." Following out her views that young people who imagine they are to love should try the married state without the bonds of church and law, she has been the divinity for two years of another naval officer—Dicky Bullen—who happens to have been Cunningham's best pal when disgrace fell upon him—or imagines she does. Chance throws them all together in terrible circumstances in the African jungle. Dicky behaves with the gallantry and bravery one expects from a British officer—but we must refer the reader to the book itself for the details of a soul-stirring tragedy. There is some good writing in this book, and the narrative is developed with ease and naturalness which betokens an intimate knowledge of the Navy and of jungle life on the West Coast. Two female characters are somewhat sketchy, but the male portraits are drawn with a firm hand.

Red Love, by GERTIE DE S. WESTWORTH-JAMES. London: T. Werner Laurie.

This is a shilling edition of an exceedingly readable story. The title holds out promise of something lurid in the way of love-making, but when it is explained that "Amour Rouge" is the name of a seaside bungalow rented by the heroine our readers will understand that nothing very shocking may be expected. In these days, when a titled lady, the sister of a countess and the wife of a baronet, is not ashamed to appear at "the halls" as a barefooted dancer, we need not be astonished at the daughter of a colonial earning her livelihood as a danseuse. Linda Herriman is an impressionable young woman who is craving for love. She does things which are very indiscreet, but she does them in the impetuosity of her heart, and so we readily condone them. How she is treated by a jealous

actor-tenor who imagines he loves her, and how she eventually falls into the arms of a better man, whose pursuit of her, in the first instance, was prompted by passion, not by a desire for matrimony, must be learned from the author's pages. There are two charming characters in the book, a professional pianist, who "digs" with Linda, and a comedian named Hughie Dacre. Marcia is a professional man-hater, and she acts as Linda's good angel. However, she succumbs to Hughie's good nature. The author gives two terrible portraits of London journalists, and says some hard things of the profession, which we hope sincerely is a libel on London journalism. She also bases that section of Society known as "the smart set."

COUNTRESS BRIBE.

The sensational Venice murder trial which opened on March 5 continues to afford exciting episodes of dramatic interest, the chief features at the hearing yesterday being the allegation of the wife of a warder at Venice that the Countess Tarnovsky had offered her a bribe of £1,200 to connive at her escape; and evidence concerning Naumoff's youth and the hypnotic experiments practised upon him by his colleagues. When under the influence of love he would do the strangest things, his will power being apparently gone.

The chief actors in the drama are:—
Countess Tarnovsky, a Russian lady, who is said to have instigated the murder of Count Kamarovsky.
Priloff, a Moscow lawyer, in love with the countess.
Dr. Naumoff, who admits having killed Kamarovsky, and who was also in love with the countess.
Count Kamarovsky, said to have been about to marry the countess, and who was murdered in Venice.

HYPNOTISM STORY.

When the Kamarovsky murder trial resumed on March 25th two Venice warders were examined.
The first, Amio, said that Priloff's conduct in prison was excellent, and he seemed to be very fond of his children. The witness also gave a full account of Priloff's attempt to commit suicide.

The second, Bongini, said the Countess Tarnovsky tried to induce his wife to connive at her escaping, promising a bribe of £1,200.

This statement was positively denied by the countess.

A Russian lady named Akomoff, residing at Nice, was next heard. She said she had known Naumoff since he was 15 years old. As a boy he was almost too good, and very impressionable, and spent all his time reading and writing poetry. One day, while bathing in the Volga, he dived in a shallow place and struck the bottom with his head. He was saved by a friend, but was ill for a long time afterwards, and frequently suffered from pains in the head. Once later he was jumping over his head in the sea, and he again struck his head hard. His college used to hypnotize him, making him do anything he wanted. Mme. Akomoff was describing one of the hypnotic experiments practised by his colleagues on Naumoff, when the latter, pleading illness, asked to be allowed to withdraw.

Permission was given by the President, and the Court adjourned till the afternoon. On the resumption it was announced that Mme. Akomoff, narrating reminiscences of his youth, and of his counsel, said Naumoff was desirous of remaining outside the court while the witnesses called for the defence were being examined.

Continuing her evidence, Mme. Akomoff said that when the Countess Tarnovsky was at Orel—where Naumoff was employed in an administrative post—his will was absolutely gone. In answer to a question, witness said Naumoff drank neither wine nor liquors.

The next witness, M. Chafarovich, a friend of Naumoff's, confirmed the previous witness's impressionability. One day at prison he said, Naumoff fainted after drinking a single glass of champagne. At school he was regarded as an abnormal individual; he was fond of being alone, and used to say that he would end his life by suicide. When he was in love with a woman, added the witness, he lost his will entirely. A young lady, he was enamoured of used to inflict all sorts of humiliations on him, even making him run behind her carriages.

Mme. Bykovich, widow of the President of the Court of Cassation of St. Petersburg, also gave evidence concerning Naumoff's antecedents. She gave him a very good character, and said everything was surprised at his crime, and thought he must have been under the influence of somebody.

Mme. Dembach, proprietress of a pension at Neuflachtel, called on behalf of the said Elise Perrier, said the prisoner had been in her service, and gave her a very good character.

THE SILVER MARKET.

Subjoined is Messrs. Mocatta & Goldsmid's circular:—
The Silver Market, in spite of the interruption by the holiday, has been decidedly active during the past week, and the price gradually advanced from 23½ to 24½, which was reached on the 31st ult. To-day there has been a slight reaction, and we quote 24½ per oz. standard. There have been considerable purchases made for shipment to India both this week and next, and dealers in Bombay appear now to have become quite reconciled to the extra import duty. There was nearly £200,000 shipped to China this week, but during the last few days has been more of a seller than a buyer, and this shipment was brought a little while back. After next week's settlement steamer has left for Bombay we can hardly expect India to continue buying at the rate they have been lately, but the tone of the market is distinctly good, and prices seem likely to remain at about their present level.

Messrs. Samuel Montagu & Co., in their circular dated April 1st state:—

The price of Silver has now more than recovered the level at which it stood before the imposition of the increased duty in India tomorrow. It is now at a comparatively small business has been affected by the holiday, which closed the Eastern markets as well as those on this side. The tone has been distinctly good, and each day offerings were eagerly snapped up, chiefly for the Indian business. The quotation today for cash and two months are 24½ above those fixed a week ago.

HOW TO STARVE WISELY.

Each day brings further interesting comments as to the value of the fasting cure, recommended by Mr. Upton Sinclair in an article quoted in the *Express*.

One prominent West End physician gives the following advice to those who think of following Mr. Sinclair's plan:—

To the Editor of the *Express*.
Sir—As one particularly interested in the fast cure, I can corroborate from patients and friends' experience much of what Mr. Sinclair writes on the subject. One word of warning, however, is needed. Preparations should be made for the fast by limiting the diet beforehand to two meals, then to one meal, a day; also, it is as well, before entering on such a cure, to see a medical man in order to ascertain the strength, circulation, etc., of the individual.

In the meanwhile I can strongly advise what I have been teaching for years—namely, two meals a day only. Our bodies and minds are thus cleared from the clogging of which he speaks, and of which I have spoken and written for years.

I am doing five times the amount of mental work on this diet I did as a young man, am lecturing and writing and working generally thus with infinite more satisfaction, while at the same time doing good cures.

Eighty dieting will indeed do wonders for us all, whether we are ill or not. I mean dieting as it is understood in the most progressive circles. M.D., etc.

Old Burlington-street, W.

"THE HEROIC CURE."

To the Editor of the *Express*.

Sir—As I was the first English writer to bring the diet cure before the British public five years ago in my book on "Betterment, Individual, Social, and Industrial," and later by an article, I should like to explain the rationale of this beneficent provision of nature, which I dubbed the heroic cure.

Fasting has proved that the average man eats nearly two-thirds too much, and does not chew it half enough; this gives rise to the worst of the doctor-baiting complaints.

The great discovery of Dr. Dewey, who introduced this system in connection with his "no breakfast plan," was that we have all from sixty to a hundred days of what I call stored-up food capital, on which we can live while Doctor Nature is making repairs. During the fast, which with a stout person may continue for sixty days, warm water only should be taken, as in cases of starvation it is cold which kills through lack of food fuel.

The strength tends to increase towards the end of the fast, and one music teacher, who continued her work all the time, sang better on the fortieth day of her fast than she had ever done before.

A hopeless case of dropsy was cured by a sixty-day fast, and the occupation of a baker was continued early all the time.

In this direction will be found the cure for over-eating, insanity, and of cancer and other exorbitating diseases, which come of over-eating and the poisonous products arising from the insufficient mastication of the starchy food.

E. WARE COOK.

Fairlawn Park, Chislewick, W.

"ALL COURSE" MEN.

While the opinion of the medical world is divided on the advantages of Mr. Upton Sinclair's starvation cure, there is one class of the community who regard this food reform with disfavour.

"The happiest of all our customers," said the manager of a large West End restaurant to an *Express* representative yesterday, are those who see the menu right through.

"It is the individual who pecks at his food and diets himself on substances that would not satisfy a sparrow who is the most ill-tempered and unhappy."

"If Mr. Sinclair had watched the diners at our restaurant for one night I do not think he would advocate temporary starvation. People never look happier than when enjoying a good dinner, well served and cooked. All their troubles seem to disappear after the first course."

Chefs whose opinions the *Express* representative asked appeared to the suggestion of voluntary fasting with scorn.

One expert head of one of the largest kitchens in London, was issuing instructions for the preparation of a dinner for 150 people when interviewed.

"The aroma of simmering delicacies seemed to make the question of a starvation 'cure' singularly out of place."

"Starvation is only necessary to those who do not understand the secret of eating," he said, "as he wrote out a recipe for a delicious sauce."

"The arrangement of a menu is of far greater importance than those who only have the pleasure of consuming a meal appreciate."

"I could arrange the menu to-night if I desired in such a way that the diners would one and all want to starve to-morrow."

"The secret of eating lies in harmonising the various courses."

"If I send up anything rich, the next course, you may be sure, will be something to tone the previous course down."

"These people who eat one rich course after another without using any discretion are the ones who would benefit by Mr. Sinclair's treatment."

GERMAN TRAIN SMASH.

ATFALLING SPECTACLE.

Newspapers from Home contain details of the railway disaster at Muhlheim-on-the-Rhine which was announced in our cable news at the beginning of this month.

The *Daily Telegraph's* Berlin correspondent writes:—
Heart-rending incidents are reported from the scene of the railway disaster outside Muhlheim. For some distance an electric tram-line runs alongside the railway, and the whole of the grim tragedy was enacted before the eyes of horrified occupants of the passing car.

Their attention was drawn to the stationary military train by the singing and laughter of the soldiers, who were returning from their Easter furlough, in a mood of boisterous merriment. Many of the men had stretched their heads out of the windows, one above the other. Suddenly the people in the tram noticed the Genoa express coming rapidly round the sharp curve which the line takes just at this point.

The appalling nature of the situation flashed upon them in a second. A cry of terror and alarm burst from their lips.

At this moment the driver of the express caught sight of the obstacle on the line in front of him. He reversed steam with such suddenness that the locomotive seemed to leap from the rails. But it was too late to save the doomed train. The momentum of the express could not be reduced in time, and the driver and stoker were just able to jump down before the crash came.

There was a sound like an explosion, and at once the singing and laughter were changed into shrieks and groans. Some of the soldiers leaning out of the windows were literally deposited, as the carriages crumpled together as if they had been made of cardboard, and collapsed on the line in shapeless heaps of debris.

The express, which consisted of a couple of sleeping-cars and a dining saloon, all very strongly built, escaped without serious damage and the fifteen or sixteen passengers who were travelling by it sustained nothing worse than a severe shaking. Nor did the soldiers in the front portion of the military train realise that an accident had occurred till they heard the agonised screams of their unfortunate comrades. They then quickly descended to see what had happened.

A chasty sight met their eyes. In the neighbourhood of the shattered carriages the line resembled a battlefield. Mangled corpses and severed limbs were strewn about amid twisted bayonets, dented helmets, and tattered fragments of uniforms. Bloodcurdling screams and piteous appeals for help arose from underneath the piles of debris. Five men who were leaning out of the same window had been jammed together by the collapse of the interior of the carriage. Their faces were distorted with pain, and they were waiting for assistance.

The heads, arms, and legs of the dead and injured protruded from the wreckage. Some of the occupants of the rear cars who had come off unscathed were so unnerved by the shock that they fled from the scene as if possessed, and wandered about the town for hours in a dazed condition and bereft of their powers of speech. Several members of the reserve parties that hurried to the spot were completely overcome by the awful spectacle, and fainted away.

Though there was no lack of willing helpers and a plentiful supply of axes and crowbars was immediately available, the manner in which the carriages had telescoped into one another rendered the work of extrication extraordinarily difficult. So much so that between two and three hours elapsed before the first of the sufferers could be got out. Little progress could be made till the tops of the carriages had been bodily removed by means of cranes.

One man who had been caught between the arms by splintering woodwork hung suspended for several hours before he could be released. The leg of another was so crushed beneath the ruins that it had to be amputated as he lay.

Nineteen of the soldiers were killed outright, and a twentieth expired during the night. Six more are not expected to recover. Some forty or fifty others are seriously injured, while the number of those who received hurts of a less grave nature is estimated as high as 150.

The collision is understood to have been due to the express, overrunning a danger signal, and the driver has been arrested.

HOW HERBACEOUS ASQUITH QUEERED THE PITCH.

Mute sat the Liberal Council,
And mutely flowed its tears;
Behind it fumed the Forwards,
Before it loomed the Peers.

Out spoke Horaceous Asquith,
His voice was cold and thin:
"In yon straight fight, I fear me,
We won't fight to win.

Now we wax hot on platforms,
In battle we wax cold;
Observe, we brag not as we tramped
Before the votes were polled.

Alas! the sacred Budget!
We've dangled it to rest!
It was the People's Charter,
But—second chance—a jest.

And lo! the holy Horseshoe
That was of such avail;
And, lo! the blessed Black Bread,
Both grown extremely stale!

And then the Irish vote-trap
We baited with green cheese
Hath snapped and caught our fingers
(Spite of X. Saffronius Pease).

Therefore, oh, Liberal Fathers,
Since we cannot win the day,
Let us queer the pitch for others
Ere we have to go away.

And how can men go better
Than in playing ducks and drakes
With the treasure of the nation
For his own and partners' sakes?"

Then out spake Rufusmudus,
His horned head was he:
"I loath your ill-framed Budget,
Your Trade you misall Froe;

Your Education nostrums
Are hateful to my view—
Lo, I will stand at your right hand
And queer the pitch with you."

Then out spake Keirious Hardie,
A Labour Lord was he:
"I trust you, O Herbaceous,
No further than I see.

Your democratic leanings
Your selfishness seem sorely true—
Lo, I'll abide on your left side
And queer the pitch with you."

Then were the nation's taxes
Put by upon the shelf,
And what the State required
It borrowed from itself.

And of the Coalition
Might these words the sines express:
"Though it wasn't epoch making,
Yet at least it made a mess."

SAXI.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM ANTWERP, MIDDLESBRO, HULL, LONDON AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship

"GLENLOGAN," Captain James McGregor, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Friday, the 29th April, at 3 P.M.

All claims must be presented within fifteen days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 29th April will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd April, 1910. [561]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"BORNEO," FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA, PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary within 6 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 30th inst., at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's representatives at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWITT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 24th April, 1910. [1]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, LTD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM EUROPE.

THE Company's Steamship

"BRECONSHIRE," having arrived from the above Port, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 30th inst., at 5 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

All damaged packages must be left in Godown, where they will be examined at 9.30 A.M. on the 8th inst. No claims will be admitted after goods have left the Godown, nor will they be recognized if presented after 10 days of vessel's arrival here.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd April, 1910. [562]

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PUBLIC COMPANIES

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 18th ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Head Office of the Company, No. 14, Nanjing Road, Shanghai, on THURSDAY, the 28th April, 1910, at 4 P.M. to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Head Office of the Company, No. 14, Nanjing Road, Shanghai, on THURSDAY, the 28th April, 1910, immediately after the Ordinary General Meeting, to consider and if thought fit to pass the following Resolutions:—

- 1.—That the Capital of the Company be increased to Mexican \$500,000.00 by the creation of 7,000 additional ordinary shares of Mex. \$20.00 each, ranking for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the existing Ordinary Shares in the Company.
 - 2.—That the Directors be and they are hereby authorized to allot such newly created shares at par among the existing Members of the Company as to so much as may be applied for, so that each Member shall be entitled to apply for one Share of the new issue for every three Shares already held by him (no issue will be made for a fractional number) and that the amounts payable on such New Shares so applied for should be paid to the Company at such times as the Directors shall appoint.
 - 3.—That the Directors be authorized to dispose of any shares unapplied for by a Shareholder under the last preceding Resolution within the time appointed to such person or persons and upon such terms as the Directors may think fit.
- Should the above Resolutions be passed by the requisite majority they will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions to a subsequent Meeting of which due notice will be given.
- The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from April 19th to 23rd, both days inclusive.
- By Order of the Directors,
E. PALMER,
Secretary.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Offices, St. George's Building, on SATURDAY, the 30th April, 1910, at 12 o'clock, Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 28th February, 1910, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to the 30th April, 1910, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 13th April, 1910. [533]

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Certificate No. N. S. 2484 dated Hongkong 1st April, 1899, for Ten Shares, numbered 59365 to 59374 inclusive and Certificate No. N. S. 2823 dated Hongkong 14th October, 1898, for Forty Shares numbered 9230 to 9239, 5599 to 5598, 57302 to 57305, 55446 to 55448, 55448, 61160 to 61161 and 47436 to 47495 inclusive, all registered in the name of MATIAS SARRZ DE VIZMANOS y LECAROS, have been LOST or STOLEN, and should these Certificates not be produced to the Bank before the 30th April, 1910, new Certificates for the Shares will be issued and the aforesaid Certificates Nos. N. S. 2484 and N. S. 2823 will be thereafter treated by this Corporation as Null and Void.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st April, 1910. [479]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.

LOST.

THE SHARE CERTIFICATES Nos. 2149 for Ten Shares Numbered 42385 to 42394 and No. 2161 for Five Shares Numbered 42395 to 42399 standing in the Register in the name of JOSEPH MANUEL HUI of HONGKONG having been LOST, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that unless the said Certificates be produced at the Office of the Company, 5, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the 22nd day of May, 1910, NEW CERTIFICATES for the said Shares will be issued and the old Certificates will thereafter be held by the Company as Null and Void.

A. SHELTON HOOPEE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 22nd April, 1910. [553]

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE CERTIFICATES Nos. 2795/6 for Ten Shares, \$100 paid up, numbered 5105 to 5110, 5111 to 5115 respectively standing in the Register in the name of Mr. GEORGE CHARLES MOXON, having been declared LOST, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that unless the said Certificates be produced to the Society on or before the 15th July, 1910, NEW CERTIFICATES for the said Shares will be issued, and the old Certificates thereafter be held by the Society as Null and Void.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JAMES WHITTALL,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd April, 1910. [559]

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Messrs. S. MOUTRIE & Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 23rd April, 1910. [557]

NOTICE.

In the GOODS of the late WILLIAM ALVAH RUBLEE, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, U.S.A. and Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, Consul-General for the United States of America in Hongkong.

PARTICULARS of all Claims against the estate of the above-named deceased should be sent in writing to the Undersigned on or before MONDAY, the 25th inst. Dated 18th day of April, 1910.

STUART J. FULLER,
Vice-Consul General in Charge,
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Hongkong, 14th December, 1909. [1519]

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TO LET.

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OFFICES in YORK BUILDING, GODOWNS in PRAYA EAST, BLUE BUILDINGS.

Apply to—THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD., Hongkong, 14th April, 1910. [87]

TO LET.

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Apply to—HENRY HUMPHREYS, Alexandra Buildings, Hongkong, 2nd February, 1910. [151]

TO LET.

NO. 3, CANTON VILLAS, Kowloon.

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TO LET.

OFFICES in Des Vaux Road, Central.

Apply to—Messrs. PERCY SMITH & SETH, 5, Queen's Road, Hongkong, 22nd March, 1910. [440]

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OFFICES facing the Harbour lately in occupation of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.

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TO LET

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No. 49, POTTINGER STREET.

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TO LET.—MODERATE RENTS.

SEMI-EUROPEAN FLATS, Praya East, corner of Observation Place. The "Trans" stop at the door.

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SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 15th January, 1909. [908]

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D. TOH DOW, Manager.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1910. [1362]

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless information is received from the Consignee before Noon, To-day, 19th inst., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned, Goods remaining unclaimed after the 26th inst., at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 27th inst., or they will not be recognized. All damaged packages will be examined on the 26th inst., at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

P. THOMAS,
Agent.

Hongkong, 19th April, 1910.

FROM EUROPE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship

"SILESIA"

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All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 27th inst., at 9.30 a.m.

All Claims must reach us before the 1st May, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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FEED BEFORE YOU FAST.

MEDICAL VIEWS ON THE "NO-FOOD" CURE.

MANY PERILS.

The "no-food" cure recommended by Mr. Upton Sinclair, the famous American novelist, has aroused much discussion in the medical profession and among the general public.

Medical experts have admitted the benefits to be obtained from fasting, provided it be discreetly practiced.

"Fasting is most efficacious as a cure," said Dr. Wallace, of Russell-square, the editor of the *Herald of Health*. "I have known it work remarkable cures in my own experience."

"The person undergoing the 'no food' cure should take nothing but distilled water, and should exercise caution. The weight should be taken before starting the fast, and it is below the normal food should be taken in reasonable quantities until the patient is the right weight and ready to undertake the complete fast."

"A fast should not be started in cold weather, for that takes away much of the heat and energy of the organism, but in warm weather there is not this disadvantage."

"In my own experience I have known a patient fast for fifteen days, and derive only advantage from the ordeal. The patient was a young Spaniard living in a London boarding-house."

"He had suffered from serious internal trouble since boyhood, and he came to me to ask advice about the fruit diet I recommended. He was very dark, and this I first put down to his foreign birth, and he looked very ill."

"I said to him, 'The fasting cure would do you good,' and I explained it to him. When I saw him again many weeks later I hardly recognised him."

"He was the picture of health. He held himself upright, and his step was alert and vigorous. His eyes were bright, his tongue a good colour, and his pulse normal."

"But the most surprising thing was that his skin was much fairer, and he laughingly said to me: 'Perhaps all Spaniards are not really dark if they only fasted.'"

"I learned—to my surprise, for I had never intended he should go so long without solid food—that he had fasted for fifteen days, taking only distilled water during all that time. And it certainly cured him."

"Another interesting case was brought to my notice by my friend, Dr. Hillier, in Canada. A working man suffering from a tumour fasted six weeks, keeping at work all the time, and he completely overcame his complaint."

"I have known many cases of short fasts of ten, six, and five days, and members of my own family have fasted with much benefit. I know of a young lady typist who fasts for one week in each year regularly in order to preserve her figure."

"I have no hesitation in saying that fasting is a great curative agency, and of the utmost value in many cases of disease and illness."

A prominent West End specialist made the following statement to an *Express* representative:—"The fast cure is an excellent health restorer for the rich, but for the poor it is extremely dangerous. The reason of this lies in the fact that the wealthy are inclined to indulge in luxuries every day of their lives, with the result that their systems become overstocked with poisonous matter."

"The very poor, who seldom get sufficient nourishment, require all the food they can obtain until their systems are rebuilt; then they can talk of temporary starvation as an end to all their ills."

"There is no doubt that well-to-do people eat far too much, and that considerably more than half the cases that come before the doctors are the result of food, which is the primary cause of nearly all diseases."

"But as danger lies in overstocking the system it lies equally as much in giving the digestive organs too little to do for a long period."

"Mr. Sinclair stated in his article that in the first day or two of his cure he was consumed with the pangs of hunger. This he fought until they gradually passed away. What actually happened is this: The digestive organs, worked without material for a certain period, after a time the organs having nothing to work upon took a holiday and settled down."

"Now up to this point everything is all right, but the risk lies in letting these organs have too long a holiday, for with no exercise they become weakened, and should the patient become ill and it be necessary to sustain him with food, the sudden strain on the organs may have very serious consequences."

"It appears to me that after Mr. Sinclair had finished his 'human house cleaning,' he then proceeded to overstock it with furniture."

THE OTHER EXTREME.

"A glass of milk every half hour, which he says he took, is going to the other extreme, for the nourishment which this provides may certainly come under the head of what he is attempting to cure, namely, over-feeding."

"But fasting without going to either extreme is certainly beneficial, and should be recommended to those who daily have sufficient nourishment, and those who prior to Easter have denied themselves their customary meals may find consolation in the fact that their health has benefited."

"It is the same reason that causes people to emigrate to the various spas at certain seasons, where they undergo, or should undergo, a modified form of Mr. Sinclair's cure."

"The best cure of all is that of the famous American food reformer, Mr. Fletcher, who advocates eating little and taking a long time over it."

"A Cavendish-square dentist in discussing Mr. Sinclair's cure, pointed out that the result of continued starvation, or only taking liquid food, or food that requires little mastication, must, in the long run, cause a great deal of trouble with the teeth."

"A continuation of this practice," he said, "will in the end cause the teeth to become loose and eventually to drop out. Teeth were given us for the express purpose of eating, and if their rightful duty is taken away, then the culprit will find that he is an example of Darwin's theory of evolution."

"I would advise all those who contemplate living on substances where the teeth are given no chance, to have them all removed, as they will be saved a considerable amount of pain in this quarter during the rest of their lives."

PUGILISTIC JUDGE.

A new method of punishing contempt of court has just been originated by Judge Kaske, of Hammond, Indiana. When a man named Solki, a spectator at a criminal trial, persisted in criticising the ruling of the Court, Judge Kaske left the bench and landed a stiff right-hand swing on Solki's jaw, drawing blood.

"I wouldn't take the trouble of flogging him, that would do no good," said Judge Kaske afterwards. "In the absence of the court officer, there was nothing left for me to do but to get down and give Solki what he deserved." Solki refused to leave the judge arrested for assault and battery.

CHINA AND OPIUM.

The following letter to *The Times*, with the accompanying memorial, help to explain recent telegrams on the subject:—

Sir—I have now received permission from the Foreign Office to publish the enclosed memorial on Great Britain and China and the opium trade.

The Foreign Office reply is that nothing has occurred to show that the ten years is unnecessarily long, or that China seeks to be free; and therefore that no action is contemplated. Nor has any decision been arrived at as to the acceptance of the American invitation to a conference at The Hague upon the opium problem all over the world.

Under these circumstances, I venture to hope that you will see your way to print this memorial. I am, yours faithfully,

A. CALDERCOTT.

University of London, King's College, Strand, W.C., April 1.

Memorial to Sir Edward Grey, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs; forwarded February 10, 1910.

In view of the now unquestioned sincerity of the Government of China and the leaders of the Chinese people in endeavouring to suppress the opium evil, we feel that there is a moral obligation upon Great Britain to leave China entirely free with regard to the importation of opium.

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RUBBER'S RECORD STRETCH.

Once again, says the *London Express* of April 1st, all records in the way of price for raw rubber were broken yesterday, when Para rubber, which had risen on the previous day to 11s. 3d. per pound, changed hands at 11s. 6d., and no plantation fetched anything between 11s. 6d. and 12s.

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A week ago	11s. 3d.

Those who prophesied that 12s. would be the limit have given up foretelling the future as a bad job, and it would surprise no one if the prices rose to fourteen or even fifteen shillings before many weeks are past.

The remarkable doings in Mining-lane are, of course, at one reflected on the Stock Exchange. The market was in a state of wild excitement yesterday, and an enormous business was done. Shares—good, bad, and indifferent—were dealt in, and there were the usual amazing speculations, not only in the shares of the big producing companies, but in those with the dimmest prospects.

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THE CHINESE IN THASA.

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